

# BG#6: Integrated Reactive Nitrogen Policies

1. What are recommendations for policies on integration and multimedia management of Nr?

- Operationally to coordinate across Gov. Departments something like the interagency committee on climate change
- A sound energy policy would help solve the Nr excess problem
- Disconnect between regulatory and nonregulatory particularly with respect to agriculture and air--

2. Is there a widely perceived need for an integrated  
Nr policy?

NO

3. Are the INC suggestions for initially decreasing Nr entering the environment by 25% appropriate (i.e. too little, too much, wrong apportionment)?

Need end point other than just target of total % decrease of Nr—Critical load concept—watershed approach and local needs

4. Are there appropriate technical and regulatory mechanisms in place to facilitate an integrated Nr management policy? If not, what is needed create such a policy?

Probably not—need to keep pushing on mechanisms in place to try to make them work—secondary NO<sub>x</sub> measures—more integrated monitoring

How to deal with ecosystem health under the clean air act—how to do with fire, as an example, a NAAQX doesn't help—need some authority to address complex problems

Can now address livestock manure issues, but not synthetic fertilizer—may require statutory change. Currently no way to define a farm in the clean air act

Farm bill provides a mechanism farm bill is a big role, farmers need to be paid for providing ecosystem services rather than what they grow or don't grow